



NEBRASKA WOMEN IN THE FAMILY

- **Nebraska has experienced a 66% increase in single mothers since 1993**
 - There are **60,403** single mothers in Nebraska
 - 47%** of Nebraska's single mothers have children under age 6
 - 29%** of Nebraska's single mothers are living below the federal poverty level
- **Nebraska has 31,532 displaced homemakers**
 - **18%** of Nebraska's displaced homemakers have children under age 6
 - **41%** of Nebraska's displaced homemakers live below the federal poverty level
- **14,126 Nebraska women headed households with no spouse present**
 - Between 1990 and 2000, **the number of female-headed households in Nebraska increased by 81%**, from 95,985 to 119,244.
 - In 1997, women maintained 18% of all families. In these families, women's earnings counted for 75% of earnings.
 - **24%** of these women earned incomes below the poverty level
 - There is a **31%** poverty rate for households headed by women with children under 18
 - There is a **50%** poverty rate for households headed by women with children under 5
- **12% of Nebraska's children live below 100% of the federal poverty level**
 - **60%** of these children live in a single parent household
 - **39%** of Nebraska's children living in poverty have **at least one parent** who is employed full-time, year round
- **75% of Caregivers are women** △
 - **64%** of caregivers work full or part time.
 - As a result of caregiving, informal caregivers lose an average of \$25,494 in Social Security benefits, an average of \$67,200 in pension benefits and \$566,433 in wage wealth...**or a combined result of a loss of over \$659,000 over the lifetime**
- **Women contribute substantially to family earnings.**
 - In 1996, working wives **contributed an average of 36.5%** of family earnings.
- **75% of Nebraska's elderly poor are women.**

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